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1. [redacted] more than 600 activists were trained in a special summer course at the Dimitrovgrad Center from July to September 1952. Allegedly the activists enrolled in the course were told of a grand plan for political propaganda which would affect all European countries not yet under Communist domination and which would act in conjunction with the Peace Congress in Vienna. The following are the main points of the plan:

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- a. To denounce the war crimes of the Americans in Korea, and to arouse the hatred of the masses;
- b. To initiate propaganda in each country for a "special law" against those guilty of war-mongering;
- c. By means of a signature campaign, to gain the greatest possible number of adherents to the Peace Congress in Vienna. This Congress is considered as the high tribunal which will replace the United Nations (considered to be the mouthpiece of reactionary governments) with a new "Union of Peace Loving Peoples".

It appears, in fact, that the speakers at this Congress will emphasize the Soviet threat to resign from the United Nations, if the latter does not heed the protests of the Peace Council.

2. Of the 600 hundred participants at the course in Dimitrovgrad, little more than half were Bulgarian, while the remainder were [redacted] Yugoslav Cominformists, Albanian Communists, Civilian specialists from many countries, assisted by a number of Soviet political officers ("Cultural" Attaches at the Soviet Embassy in Sofia) acted as instructors at the course.

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3. During the same period as that of the training course in Dimitrovgrad mentioned above, a military training course under the direction of Soviet officers and technicians was in progress in Berkhovitsa. The purpose of the course was to reorganize partisan activist groups. These partisans were scheduled for guerilla action in the region of Macedonia belonging to Yugoslavia. After a period of elementary instruction, during which the partisans receive training parallel to that of assault units and parachutists, the partisan brigades participate in large-scale maneuvers together with the regular units of the Bulgarian Army. 25X1

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